

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

My name is Tim Robison and I am the CEO and president of Meadows.net, in Meadowlands, MN. We began business in 1996 and presently have 500 customers, most of whom live and work in rural areas outside of the larger cities but we also do a fair amount of web hosting for customers throughout the nation, and have some overseas customers as well.

We offer many services that our local phone company, Frontier (Previously Citizens, previously GTE, does not. Services like free Internet training classes, Free web based training any time at our offices or over our network. We also helped our local School get online, even before and without the e-rate, we host the City Of Meadowlands Web site and other Government Sites, as well as have Federal Government Customers like the Forest Service.

When we opened for business we started, as many ISPs did, with a stack of ordinary dial-up modems and a fistful of phone lines from then GTE. Of course getting phone lines from them was always a problem, and we frequently lost customers when our modem lines became busy because they were late delivering phone lines we had ordered well in advance.

Nowadays we have moved on from ordinary phone lines to digital PRI's (Primary Rate ISDN), if there were a CLEC in town we would move our business there. Since they have started offering Internet access of their own, our line have gotten

Sincerely,

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